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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
JUN TAMAI, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/864,265) : Group Art Unit: 2834
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
5-38170	Japan	February 12, 1993
3-11981	Japan	January 21, 1991

REMARKS

The JP '170 reference is cited at page 1 of the present application, and the JP '981 reference is cited at page 5 of the subject application; each of these references is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese references are not presently available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if

required by the Examiner. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,600,196 is listed as being in the same patent family as the JP '981 reference. English abstracts for each of the Japanese references obtained from a commercial database also are attached as English language statements of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/456,291	December 8, 1999	2834
09/589,813	June 9, 2000	2834

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

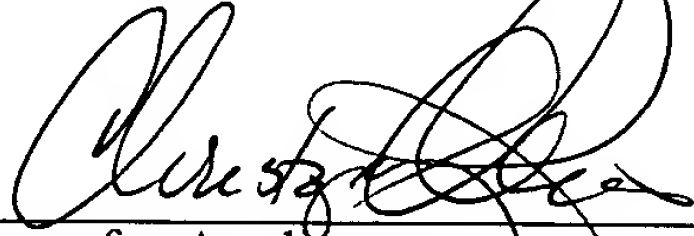
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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